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ensure national unity in presence of a
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and abroad More sensational, but, I think
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appear, is the occasional physical
terrorism, the trapdoor dis-
appearance of unwanted personalities, the
ostiacism and pei-
secution of innocent but incomement \\
orkers"¹

This "fanaticism and terrorism" ^vull, so long "
as it is kno.vn
to go on and cannot be denied, discredit
Communism in
more developed countries" So, while they ha\
e said that
they found people "pleased at being
consulted" the\
themselves harbour no illusions as to the effect
of that
"consultation" on action, or as to its relation to
the pouei
behind the fagade As he put *it*, in answer to a
question
about criticism, "Es wird dafuer besorgt "
Theie is a
Dictatorship The Communist Part) keeps the
thing going

"Now it so happens that members of the
Party occupy all the
key positions, not only in the hierarchv of
Soviets, Federal and
National, but in the Co-operative and
Trade Union Mo\ ements,
whilst they dominate the army and navy,
the political police
and the militia It will continue to be so, so
long as the Com-
munist Party retains its unity, its
discipline, and its disinterested
service, for the Party, through the control of
all forms of publicity,
whether books, newspapers, the wireless,
cinemas and theatres,
and also all forms of education,
elementary, secondary and
University, and by its continuous mass
propaganda, cuts out
from influence any other creed or policy
than its o\vn Even
more important is its hold on the youth of
the U S S R "²

The Communist Party keeps the thing going,
the drive of
fanaticism provides the steam

At the same time, if they are asked—How
does the soul
fare? they can reply—How does it fare under

Capitalism?

So far, they have not been asked that by anyone, but one may be sure that, at moments, she puts that question to herself. Certainly, they were thrilled by something there—a sense of purpose, a readiness to accept sacrifice, a life keyed to a higher pitch of common consciousness than that of

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